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SUBJ: AFGHAN OBSERVER REP COMMISSION ON NARCOTICS DRUG (CDN)

MEETING

REF: (A) STATE 024898; (B) KABUL 770

1. MOHAMMAD YAHYA MAROOFI, 34-YEAR OLD MFA OFFICIAL & MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND UN SECTION, WILL BE AFGHAN OBSERVER REP TO THIRD SPECIAL SESSION CND. MAROOFI IS VERY ARTICULATE, THOUGHTFUL DIPLOMAT (PATHAN FROM KANDAHAR), WHO SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH IN ADDITION HIS NATIVE DARI & PASHTU. A GRADUATE OF KABUL UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF LAW & DIPLOMACY, HE RECEIVED HIS M.A. FROM FAIRLEIGHT-DICKINSON UNIVERSITY WHILE SERVING AS MEMBER OF AFGHAN UN MISSION FROM AUGUST 1969 TO EARLY 1973. MAROOFI HAS BEEN DURING PAST YEAR VERY RELIABLE CONTACT AND SOURCE OF INFORMATION IN AREAS IN WHICH HE DEALS. MAROOFI IS MARRIED; NO CHILDREN.

2. MAROOFI STATED ON FEB 11 THAT AS AN OBSERVER TO CND, HE DOES NOT PLAN TO TAKE ACTIVE ROLE BUT DOES PLAN BRIEF CND MEETING ON PROGRESS MADE BY NEW REPUBLICAN REGIME IN NARCOTICS AREA, PARTICULARLY IN LAW ENFORCEMENT. HIS BRIEFING WILL ALSO INCLUDE AFGHAN NEEDS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SIDE, STRESSING CROP

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SUBSTITUTION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN PRINCIPAL OPIUM GROWING

AREAS. HE PROBABLY WILL RESERVE AFGHAN POSITION ON LICIT PRODUCTION OF OPIUM. MAROOFI PLANS BE GENEVA FOR ENTIRE SESSION, ALSO REPRESENTING AFGHANISTAN ON MIDDLE EAST SUB-COMMISSION OF ECOSOC ON ILLICIT TRAFFIC.

3. FOR GENEVA: MAROOFI DEPARTING KABUL FEB 14. THIS IS HIS FIRST TRIP TO GENEVA. ANY ASSISTANCE MISSION CAN PROVIDE HIM WOULD BE APPRECIATED AND PROBABLY WOULD PAY DIVIDENDS UPON HIS RETURN KABUL. PER REF B, MAROOFI WILL HAVE AFGHAN POSITION ON TOPICS WE HAVE SUGGESTED MARTENS RAISE WITH HIM; BUT HE MAY HAVE LITTLE LEEWAY FOR DISCUSSION UNLESS UNDP AUTHORIZED INFORM MFA PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE OF MARTENS INTERESTS.
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